



JoAnn Lou Brulla

December 1, 1939 - December 17, 2025

JoAnn Lou Brulla passed away Wednesday, December 17, 2025 in St James Healthcare in Butte. She was born Friday, December 1, 1939 in Jasper, Alabama. She was the second of seven children to Jim E. and Jessie (Davidson) Hodges.

JoAnn attended schools in Jasper Alabama, Sheridan Wyoming, and Butte Montana. The family moved to Butte in 1956 when her father began working for the Anaconda Company. JoAnn graduated from Butte High School in 1958. She married Edward Brulla in Butte on December 15, 1960 and together they had five children.

JoAnn worked many jobs including as a nurse and as a CNA at Silver Bow General Hospital. She also worked for various nursing homes in Butte and Sheridan. JoAnn also worked at the Blue Anchor Bar and Café in Twin Bridges, a job she dearly loved. JoAnn was an avid bowler, she loved family gatherings and she loved to travel. JoAnn also enjoyed several cherished pets.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Edward Brulla of Butte, son Michael Brulla of Helena, daughter and son-in-law Pamela and Kurt Munsee of Soda Springs Idaho, daughter Teresa Brinninger of Idaho Falls, daughter Julia Brulla of Helena and son and daughter-in-law Jim and Gina Brulla of Butte. Also surviving are seventeen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Other survivors include two brothers.

Cremation has taken place and no public services are planned at this time.

I can no longer see you
with my eyes or touch
you with my hands, Mom
but I will feel you in
my heart forever.....

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Ed, We are so sorry to hear about the passing of JoAnn. We had a lot of fun bowling with both of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Janice & Charley Lannin



Janice Lannin - December 28, 2025 at 06:33 PM

PW

“ Ed and family. So very sorry to learn of JoAnn's passing. She was an awesome Mom and Grandmother. She will be missed by all of you. May her memory bring you comfort. Pat Walsh

Patrick Walsh - December 26, 2025 at 12:30 PM

EM

“ Dear Uncle Ed and Family,

I am heartbroken to hear about Aunt JoAnn’s passing. She was such a special person in all our lives—full of love, warmth, and kindness. I will always remember her gentle spirit and the way she made everyone feel so welcome and cared for.



Uncle Ed, I can only imagine the depth of your loss, and my heart goes out to you and the entire family. Aunt JoAnn was not just a wonderful wife and mother but also a dear friend to all of us. Her memory will live on in the stories we share and the love she gave so freely.

Please know that I am here for you, holding you close in my thoughts and prayers. If there’s anything you need or any way I can support you during this incredibly difficult time, don’t hesitate to reach out.

With all my love and deepest sympathy,

Ed, Ellen and Eddy

Ed Merzlak - December 20, 2025 at 07:09 PM



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Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - December 19, 2025 at 10:38 AM